

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 5, and ending at page 33, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 5 shows the results. When the amount of Rh + Pt + Pd is 0.4 % by weight or less, the release rate of sulfur component is less than 2 %, and the sulfur component trapping agent exhibits a high sulfur component retention performance. Accordingly, in order to expect a high sulfur component retention performance, the total amount of Rh + Pt + Pd should be [[4 %]] 0.4 % by weight or less.